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CAPE TOWN FOR EMBASSY

E.O. 11652: GDS
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SUBJECT: RHODESIA: POSSIBLE VENUE FOR OWEN/VANCE AND
SALISBURY PARTICIPANTS MEETING

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1. THE PRINCIPAL DETERMINANT IN SALISBURY'S FLEXIBILITY TOWARD VENUE WILL BE THE DEGREE TO WHICH THEY FEEL OBLIGED TO TAKE PART IN THE PROCESS LEADING TO AN ALL PARTIES CONFERENCE. THE GRAHAM/LOW TEAM WILL BE ABLE TO CHECK THIS DURING THEIR MEETING IN SALISBURY. IF GIVEN A PREFERENCE, WE BELIEVE THEY WOULD PREFER A BORDER MEETING AT VICTORIA FALLS, PREFERABLY ON THE RHODESIAN SIDE ALTHOUGH WE THINK THEY MIGHT ACCEPT LIVINGSTONE UNDER CERTAIN CONDITIONS.

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2. OF THE BORDERING AND/OR FRONTLINE STATES WE THINK GABORONE IS THE ONE LEAST OBJECTIONABLE BECAUSE OF ITS LESS ANTAGONISTIC ROLE. ASSUMING IT WERE SELECTED, WE BELIEVE SALISBURY WOULD PROBABLY ACCEPT ASSUMING THEY DECIDE TO PARTICIPATE IN AN OWEN/VANCE MEETING. WE CANNOT COMMENT ON PRESIDENT KHAMA'S ATTITUDE AND GABORONE'S FACILITIES FOR A MEETING. WE LEAVE THAT

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TO AMBASSADOR NORLAND.

3. WE BELIEVE THAT DEPARTMENT MAY WANT TO CONSIDER THE POSSIBILITY OF AN AIRPORT MEETING IN EITHER NAIROBI OR JOHANNESBURG. LOGISTICALLY IT WOULD BE FAR EASIER FOR ALL PARTIES. ASSUMING THE MEETING WILL BE A ONE-SESSION AFFAIR, THE PARTIES COULD FLY IN AT A PRE-ARRANGED TIME, HOLD THE MEETING AND DEPART. THE FACILITIES IN JOHANNESBURG ARE ADEQUATE AND THE NECESSARY COMMUNICATIONS COULD BE MADE AVAILABLE. THE SALISBURY PARTICIPANTS WOULD PROBABLY APPROVE AND, POSSIBLY, FEEL MORE COMFORTABLE THAN AT ANY OTHER VENUE. WE RECOGNIZE THE RELUCTANCE OF THE SECRETARY AND SECRETARY OWEN TO COME TO SOUTH AFRICA, BUT PERHAPS THE BAD OPTICS ARE REDUCED BY FLYING IN AND OUT THE SAME DAY AND NOT GOING BEYOND THE INTERNATIONAL SECTION OF THE AIRPORT. WE ASSUME ARRANGEMENTS COULD ALSO BE MADE IN NAIROBI.
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